

## FRUITS

### Apples

New York ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally with receipts worth about \$153 million in 2004. Three general areas produce most of the apples: along the southern Lake Ontario shore, along the Hudson Valley, and along the upper Lake Champlain Valley. New York's leading varieties are McIntosh, Empire, Rome, Idared, and Red Delicious.



### Grapes

Wine and juice grape production place New York 3<sup>rd</sup> behind California and Washington. The crop was worth \$31.2 million in 2004. Three-fourths of the production was for juice and one-fourth went into wines. The four major producing areas are Lake Erie area, the Finger Lakes, the Hudson Valley and the eastern end of Long Island.

### Tart Cherries

Production in New York ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the Nation. Production totaled 10.7 million pounds with a value of \$4.38 million.

### Pears

Production ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 16,500 tons and had a value of \$5.37 million.

### Strawberries

Strawberries are the 3<sup>rd</sup> most valuable fruit in New York and places New York 7<sup>th</sup> in national production. Growers harvested 6.50 million pounds in 2004. The crop returned \$10.4 million to growers.



## VEGETABLES

The value of vegetables totaled \$332 million in 2004. Fresh Market vegetables rank 6<sup>th</sup> and Processing vegetables are 7<sup>th</sup> among all states. Leading crops in New York are cabbage, sweet corn and onions.

### Cabbage

The nation's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer, cabbage is principally grown south of Lake Ontario at Monroe, Genesee, Orleans, Ontario and Niagara counties. New York cabbage is typically stored for sale as fresh during winter months. Value of the fresh market crop in 2004 totaled \$43.2 million.

### Sweet Corn

Produced statewide, fresh market sweet corn had a value of \$68.5 million. Concentrations are found in the Lower Hudson Valley and around the Genesee Valley. The 2004 fresh market crop worth \$59.9 million, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally and the processing crop valued at \$8.56 million ranked 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Onions

An important crop with receipts of \$57.8 million in 2004. Onions are grown in New York's muck soils in Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Madison and Wayne counties. The state ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in production for 2004 with 488 million pounds.

### Snap Beans

Grown in the Central and Western regions for fresh and processing. The 2004 crop was valued at \$27.0 million. Fresh production accounted for 52 percent of the total and puts New York 4<sup>th</sup> across the nation. Processing sales of \$13.0 million rank New York 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Other Vegetables

Tomatoes: \$22.9 million, 10<sup>th</sup> nationally  
Pumpkins: \$25.4 million, 1<sup>st</sup> nationally  
Cucumbers: \$24.1 million, 5<sup>th</sup> nationally  
Squash: \$37.9 million, 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally  
Green Peas for Processing: \$11.7 million, 4<sup>th</sup> nationally  
Cauliflower: \$920 million, 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally



## FIELD CROPS

New York produces a variety of field crops largely in support of its dairy industry. Corn, oats and wheat are most widely grown with soybeans steadily increasing in importance. New York ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in corn silage, valued at \$208 million. Production of grain corn ranked 20<sup>th</sup> with a value of \$146 million. Soybean production was valued at \$34.5 million. The state placed 10<sup>th</sup> in oat production, 31<sup>st</sup> in wheat and 27<sup>th</sup> for soybeans. Hay production put New York 24<sup>th</sup> and was valued at \$327 million in 2004. Most hay is used on farms and its value is realized through sale of milk and livestock. Fall potatoes reached a value of \$41.7 million in 2004 and made New York the 14<sup>th</sup> leading producer.

## MAPLE SYRUP

At \$5.63 million, New York ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Vermont in value but was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 255,000 gallons produced behind Vermont and Maine in 2004.

## FLORICULTURE CROPS

In 2004, New York floriculture products were valued at \$209 million. Bedding and garden plants top the list of commodities. New York's floriculture output ranks 5<sup>th</sup> nationally. A variety of crops are produced in 24.5 million square feet of covered area and on 963 acres of open ground. Christmas Trees provide about \$20 million of sales and made New York the 11<sup>th</sup> leading producer in 2001.

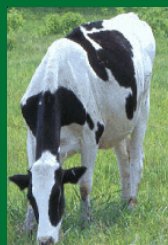
*Agriculture is important to New York State. Agricultural production returned over \$3.6 billion to the farm economy in 2004. About 25% of the state's land area, or 7.6 million acres are used by the 36,000 farms to produce a very diverse array of food products. Here are some of the items in which New York ranks high nationally:*

#### Livestock Products

Dairy and animal production in New York provided \$2.30 billion to farmers in 2004. That accounts for 63 percent of all cash receipts.

#### Dairy Products

Milk is New York's leading agricultural product and is produced all across the state. Milk sales account for one-half of total agricultural receipts. Production in 2004 was 11.7 billion pounds with a value of \$1.95 billion. New York is the nation's 3<sup>rd</sup> leading producer and Wyoming is the State's leading county.



#### Meat Production

New York livestock producers marketed 228 million pounds of meat animals during 2004 bringing in \$145 million in cash receipts. Sales from cattle and calves accounted for \$127 million, hogs and pigs returned \$15.0 million, and sheep and lambs provided \$2.52 million.

#### Poultry Production

The value of New York eggs, ducks, broilers and turkeys plus the value of sales for other chickens totaled \$112 million for 2004. Eggs made up \$59.8 million of the total followed by broilers at \$6.57 million. New York ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> among all egg producing states.

#### Crop Production

Field crops, fruits and vegetables returned \$1.3 billion to New York farmers in 2004.

NEW YORK FARMS: Number, Acres, and Value, Selected Years

Year	No. of Farms	Acres per farm	All land in farms	Value Land/Buildings	
				Total	Per Acre
	(000)	Acres	Mil. Acres	Million \$	\$
2002	37.0	205	7.66	12,333	1,610
2003	37.0	207	7.65	13,005	1,700
2004	36.0	211	7.60	13,528	1,780

CASH RECEIPTS FOR NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS

Category	2002	2003	2004	% of Total
Million \$				
Livestock & Products	1,894	1,943	2,302	63.2
Vegetable Crops	472	447	470	12.9
Greenhouse, Nursery, & Other	349	362	386	10.6
Field Crops	233	232	260	7.4
Fruit Crops	189	181	216	5.9
All Commodities	3,137	3,165	3,634	

NEW YORK'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	2004 Cash Receipts Million \$	Percent of Total
Dairy Products	1,950	53.5
Greenhouse & Nursery	378	10.4
Apples	153	4.2
Cattle and Calves	127	3.5
Hay	120	3.3
Corn for Grain	80	2.2
Sweet Corn	68	1.9
Onions	58	1.6
Potatoes	46	1.3
Cabbage	43	1.2
Grapes	31	.9
Snap Beans	27	.7



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